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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL; HELSINKI FOR MPT DEL

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SUBJECT: MBFR ASPECTS OF FRG SOVIET DECLARATION

SUMMARY: THERE FOLLOWS PASSAGES ON MBFR APPEARING IN FRG- SOVIET COMMON DECLARATION AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THOSE PASSAGES PROVIDED TO EMBOFF MAY 22 BY GERMAN MBFR DEL CHIEF RUTH, WHO WAS IN BONN AND PARTICIPATED IN THE MBFR ASPECTS OF THE RUSSO- GERMAN TALKS. END SUMMARY.

1. TEXT OF MBFR PASSAGES OF DECLARATION READS AS FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:

AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE OVER QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. BOTH SIDES WERE AGREED THAT AGREED MEASURES (REGELUNGEN), WHICH WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE UNDIMINISHED SECURITY OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES, WOULD SERVE THE GOAL OF THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE IN EUROPE. THEY DECLARED THEIR READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE, SO THAT IN MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, AN UNDERSTANDING COULD BE REACHED ON AN APPROACH (HERANGEHEN) TO THESE PROBLEMS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. BOTH SIDES WELCOMED THE FACT THAT THE MULTI- LATERAL CONSULTATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WERE TAKING PLACE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL SOON REACH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. END TEXT

2. RUTH COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS ON THE ABOVE TEXT.

3. HE NOTED THE PHRASE " QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH" WAS DESIGNED TO UNDERLINE THAT MBFR DEALT NOT JUST WITH REDUCTIONS BUT WITH OTHER MEASURES. THE DESCRIPTIVE PHRASE " ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE" WAS TIED TO " QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH" TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THIS DESCRIPTIVE PHRASE WAS NOT THE TOPIC OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE FORMULATION " AGREED MEASURES" CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOWS THE GERMAN MBFR GOAL RELATES NOT JUST TO AGREEMENTS OR TREATIES BUT ALSO TO COLATERAL MEASURES BESIDES REDUCTIONS.

4. THE FORMULATION " WOULD SERVE THE GOAL OF STRENGTHENING PEACE" HAS THE SAME AIM.

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5. THE REFERENCE TO UNDIMINISHED SECURITY WAS DESIGNED TO INJECT THE MOTION OF " BALANCE." RUTH SAID SOME JOURNALISTS HAVE ALREADY REFLECTED UNDERSTANDING OF THIS POINT IN COMMENTING ON THE DECLARATION.

6. THE GERMANS WERE PLEASED OVER THE EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO " CENTRAL EUROPE".

7. THE REFERENCE TO AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE APPROACH TO THESE PROBLEMS WAS THE GERMAN WAY OF EMBODYING THE PHASED APPROACH IN THE DECLARATION. THE CITED FORMULATION WAS UTILIZED AFTER THE SOVIETS HAD REJECTED THE PROPOSED FORMULATION " STEP BY STEP SOLUTION". RUTH NOTED THAT THE DECLARATION SAID BOTH SIDES INDICATED THEIR READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO FINDING AN ACCEPTABLE APPROACH TO ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THIS PROBLEM.

8. FINALLY, ROTH NOTED THAT IN THE FINAL SENTENCE, THE SOVIETS AGREED THAT " THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL COME SOON TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION" AND THAT NO DESCRIPTIVE TITLE WAS USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSULTATIONS OR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.
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